



# Morning Glory

*“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8*

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## Fruitful Unto Thee

*“God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering” (Genesis 41:52)*

A poet stands by the window watching a summer shower. It is a fierce downpour, beating and pounding the earth. But the poet, in his mind’s eye, sees more than a rain shower falling. He sees a myriad of lovely flowers raining down, soon breaking forth from the freshly watered earth, and filling it with their matchless beauty and fragrance. And so he sings:

*It isn’t raining rain to me – it’s raining daffodils;  
In every dripping drop I see wildflowers upon the hills.  
A cloud of gray engulfs the day, and overwhelms the town;  
It isn’t raining rain to me – it’s raining rose down.*

Perhaps you are undergoing some trial as God’s child, and you are saying to Him, “Oh God, it is raining very hard on me tonight, and this test seems beyond my power to endure. Disappointments are pouring in, washing away and utterly defeating my chosen plans. My trembling heart is grieved and is cowering at the intensity of my suffering. Surely the rains of affliction are beating down upon my soul.”

Dear friend, you are completely mistaken. God is not raining rain on you—*He is raining blessings.*

If you will only believe your Father’s Word, you will realize that spring up beneath the pounding rain are spiritual flowers. And they are more beautiful and fragrant than those that ever grew before in your stormless and suffering-free life.

You can see the rain, but can you also see the flowers? You are suffering through these tests, but know that God sees sweet flowers of faith springing up in your life be-

neath these very trials, You try to escape the pain, yet God sees tender compassion for other sufferers finding birth in your soul. Your heart winces at the pain of heavy grief, but God sees the sorrow deepening and enriching your life.

No, my friend, it is not raining afflictions on you. It is raining tenderness, love, compassion, patience, and a thousand other flowers and fruits of the blessed Holy Spirit. And they are bringing to your life spiritual enrichment that all the prosperity and ease of this world could never produce in your innermost being. J.M.M.

### Songs across the Storm

*A harp stood in the calm, still air,  
Where showers of sunshine washed a thousand fragrant blooms;  
A traveler bowed with loads of care  
Struggled from morning till the dusk of evening glooms  
To strum sweet sounds from the sonless strings;  
The pilgrim strives in vain with each unanswering chord,  
Until the tempest’s thunder sings,  
And, moving on the storm, the finger of the Lord  
A wondrous melody awakes;  
And though the battling winds their soldier deeds perform,  
Their trumpet-sound brave music makes  
While God’s assuring voice sings love across the storm.*

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*From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee. When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*  
(Ps. 61:2).

David had to flee to the country on the other side of Jordan. In reality it was not far away, but David felt as though he had come to the end of the earth. He was a stranger, isolated and lonesome. But the way of prayer was open to him. “From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed.”

His prayer is that the Lord will lead him to the rock that is higher than he – to a safe place which he cannot reach by his own strength.

Times may come in the lives of all of us when we feel that we are at the “end of the earth.” Perhaps we are disregarded and feel lonesome. But the way of prayer is open, and God listens! He will lead us to a safe place, to a rock that is higher than we.

Fredrik Wisloff  
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*If your faith  
won't get you to  
church to worship  
the Lord for an  
hour, do you  
think it will get  
you to heaven to  
worship God for  
eternity?*

# Hearing the Voice of God

*Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it" Isaiah 30:21.*

When we have doubts or are facing difficulties, when others suggest courses of action that are conflicting, when caution dictates one approach but faith another, we should be still. We should quiet each intruding person, calm ourselves in the sacred stillness of God's presence, study His Word for guidance, and with true devotion focus our attention on Him. We should lift our nature into the pure light radiating from His face, having an eagerness to know only what God our Lord will determine for us. Soon He will reveal by His secret counsel a distinct and unmistakable sense of His direction.

It is unwise for a new believer to depend on this approach alone. He should wait for circumstances to also confirm what God is revealing. Yet Christians who have had many experiences in their walk with Him know the great value of secret fellowship with the Lord as a means of discerning His will.

Are you uncertain about which direction you should go? Take your question to God and receive guidance from either the light of His smile or the cloud of His refusal. You must get alone with Him, where the lights and the darkensses of this world cannot interfere and where the opinions of others cannot reach you. You must also have the courage to wait in silent expectation, even when everyone around you is insisting on an immediate decision or action. If you will do these things, the will of God will become clear to you. And you will have a deeper concept of who He is, having more insight into His nature and His heart of love.

All this will be your unsurpassed gift. It will be a heavenly experience, a precious eternal privilege, and the rich reward for the long hours of waiting. David.

*"STAND STILL," my soul, for so your Lord commands:  
E'en when your way seems blocked, leave it in his wise hands;  
His arm is mighty to divide the wave.  
"Stand still," my soul, "stand still" and you will see  
How God can work the "impossible" for thee,  
For with a great deliverance He does save.*

Be not impatient, but in stillness stand,  
Even when surrounded on every hand,  
In ways your spirit does not comprehend.  
God cannot clear your way till you are still,  
That He may work in you His blessed will,

And all your heart and will to Him do bend.  
"BE STILL," my soul, for just when you are still,  
Can God reveal Himself to you; until  
Through you His love and light and life can freely flow;  
In stillness God can work through you and reach  
The souls around you. He then through you can teach  
His lessons, and His power in weakness show.

"BE STILL," – a deeper step in faith and rest.  
"Be still and know" your Father does know best.  
The way to lead His child to that fair land,  
A "summer" land, where quiet waters flow;  
Where longing souls are satisfied, and "know  
Their God," and praise for all that He has planned.  
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## **I've been a SPORTS FAN ALL MY LIFE:**

Football in the fall  
Basketball in the winter  
Baseball in the spring and summer  
*But I'll never go to another game because ...*

They always asked me for money  
The people I sat with weren't very friendly  
The seats were too hard  
The coach never asked my advice  
The referee made some bad calls  
Some people cared more about their looks than the game  
Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home  
The band played some number that I didn't know  
Too many games didn't fit into my schedule  
My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up  
I just read a book on sports and I know more than the coaches  
I don't take my kids to any games so that they can make their own choices what sport they like best.

**Do you use the same excuses for not attending (a Bible Believing) church?**

GOD SAYS: *Seek the Lord while He may be found... You will find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.*

**What keeps you from seeking God?**

Faith, Prayer, & Tract League

# Editorial

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## Raspberries!!!

*Parable/Object Lesson/Show & Tell*

WE are fortunate that the LORD has entrusted to 'us', along with a convenient/modest house, with a parcel of land with room enough to have a vegetable and fruit garden.

Early this spring 'our' Raspberry garden appeared to be mostly bush for this year in regards to those that survived the winter or what ever had taken it's toll!

But, regardless, I went ahead and did some pruning and a while latter one of 'our' younger grand children stated it was full of 'trash'. Keep in mind that the LORD permits 'afflictions' to come into our lives, not to drive 'us' away; but to draw unto Himself. And for a 'believer' He chastens those He loves for 'our' benefit!

As you know raising 'raspberries' or anything else is not all fun and games! It involves work and determination in order to have a harvest.

Sooo as we move along in this 'editorial' we are going to continue sharing some comparisons to our raspberry patch and seek to apply them to our daily Christian life and walk with the LORD.

First and foremost weeds have a way of surviving even in dry 'conditions' and must be dealt with early on even though at first they look little and almost harmless.

Martin Luther shares that unless we are willing to admit and deal with sin our own life; the BIBLE is a closed book in regards to what God is really saying to 'us' in His **inspired Book**. You see until God is permitted to make a 'nobody' out of 'us'; HE can not make a 'somebody' out of 'us'. For example Moses in the Old Testament had to 'learn' three basic things: 1). The first forty years of his life, he thought he was *somebody*; 2). The second forty years on the back side of the woods; he learned he was a *nobody* and 3). The last forty years he experienced what GOD could do through a person who knew he was a *no body* and how GOD could make *some body out of a nobody!* (**Amazing GRACE** = branches engrafted into the VINE). **God** will never prompt you to do or be something without providing the necessary provisions in order to fulfill His request through you!

Now back to the 'raspberries' that need to be nurtured and unless you expect to experience 'harvest time', you definitely will loose heart. In other words you need "motivation" and with 'motivation' you have a pur-

pose/goal to accomplish and this brings about joy even in the sweat of the brow. Most certainly, not news, but IF the 'bush' does not receive sunshine and water; it will become a weakling and eventually DIE! How true this also is *spiritually*.

1 John 1:5-10, Luke 6:38 & 1 Cor. 9:7. FEED/PREACH ON THE WORD (BIBLE) IN SEASON - OUT OF SEASON! 1 Tim. 4:2.

It is told that in the era of Hans Neilson Hauge things were spiritually so pathetic that at least one pastor didn't know what to say about the birth of Jesus; so he preached on the care of 'cattle'. Sound familiar? Tragically YES!

We have (along with many others) experienced a very dry season and it reminds me spiritually: "*These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds, late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame, wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever*" Jude 12-13. Yes, there is some 'promising 'bush'; and others, nothing but leaves.

As you observe your 'raspberry' plants grow toward maturity; you will see a variation of sizes and heartiness; but each bush is needed to have a 'raspberry patch'. Some are small and seemingly insignificant – but again all are needed as each member of the body is needed in order to truly function properly. The 'younger' are to learn/observe from the 'older' and the 'older' find motivation and purpose from the 'younger'. (Just like the physical 'family' = infants to great grand parents or great, great grand parents). "We" learn from each other! **Hebrews 10:24-25, Proverbs 27:17. Togetherness!** "**We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death**" 1 John 3:14. **Royal Blood Related!** (When you are picking 'raspberries, you often find that the individual 'raspberry' is in a *cluster!*) Each 'berry' in itself seems insignificant; but 'each berry' helps to fill the container (only *forgiven sinners will be in Heaven at the Banquet Table*). Yes, each plant will die in order to reproduce after its kind! And you know that Salvation is only on a per-

sonal, singular basis and you need to come to the end of yourself: in other words no one else can accept/experience SALVATION for **you**; even at Heaven sent Revival Meetings - take for example; Pentecost! In other words (spiritually) God has no grandchildren for we each are a son or daughter in the blessed little flock that Jesus calls His own OR you are still on the *outside*.

I was amazed this 'raspberry season' how tender the branches/twigs were as they would break so easily - **1 Cor. 8:9-13.**

Naturally there is a 'harvest time' which requires consistency/persistence IF you are glean the 'harvest' the Lord has provided! We can water, plant, nurture; but it takes GOD to give the increase. **1 Corinthians 3:5 - 23.**

Sadly as you pick 'raspberries', it is evident that you will miss some and to a person's disappointment – it seems at times the biggest ones you miss & they become *over-ripe* **and fall off!** But experience will teach you that as you work with other(s) as a team; many of the seemingly hidden one(s) will be found. And so it is 'we' who are Biblical and evangelical NEED to WORK TOGETHER. Yes, *evangelistic meetings* are absolutely GOD'S plan also AS Scripture indicates! ***Team work!***

In concluding this 'editorial', let me challenge you to prayerfully, as always, read again **John 9:4-5, 1 Cor.**

**15:57-58 & Matthew 9:37-38.**

*"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life, and on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless, before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen"* Jude 20 - 25.

NOW IT IS TO PRACTICE THE SAME!

**Not only 'hearers' but 'doers'!**

P.S. While picking 'raspberries', likely you will come in contact with 'thorns': I know I did AND there have been 'numerous, minor 'thorns'; not only in getting this 'editorial' done, BUT this issue of the *Morning Glory* period.

So the 'testing & spiritual battle' goes on ...

"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come..." 11 Timothy 4:2 - 3a. **11 Tim. 3:10-17.**

## They that sow in tears shall reap in joy

Psalm 126:5

THE mind that God gave us when He accepted us into His grace, created in us a feeling of responsibility for our fellow men, and a desire to lead them to Christ. Then when the Christian sees how unsuccessful he has been in this work, his heart often becomes sore and full of doubt. Especially will upright preachers, and parents who see their own children leading a wild life, feel bad.

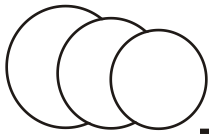
To confess faith in Him who has all power, and who has all power, and who has promised to hear our prayers, and at the same time to see how unsuccessful we are, may cause the strongest man to tremble, and may bring doubt to the most earnest believer. Let me say to you who are groaning under this heavy burden; Try to give this little Word room in your heart: "*They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.*" That is what it says! You see the Word speaks of seed and tears. God says that some day a good

harvest shall come forth from these.

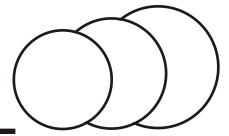
So let your tears fall on the seed. When harvest time comes, God will show that He keeps His Word, also in regard to your work in His kingdom. "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

*Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,  
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;  
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,  
We shall come, rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

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# From Our Fellowship Circle



**T. S.** Forest City, IA  
It's a shame I haven't written to you for quite some time.

I enjoy the *Morning Glory* and read it all the way through.

I am sending some money and would like to have you send me a copy of the book, "Mirror of the Heart", as I would like share it with my neighbor and he wanted to read it. ...

It's been a busy time with birthdays and family reunions and also we all are getting older with each passing year and as we know time and tide waits for no man. But I sure do enjoy my family and am very thankful for the same. Yes, I am thankful for every day God gives me and may He Bless you in your work.

**J. & J. Z.** Bismarck, ND  
... Thank you so much for your labor of love for the Lord in putting this very needy paper together, the *Morning Glory*. We hope to be able to get together soon.

**D. A.** Langford, SD  
I love your magazine and I deeply appreciate it and look forward in continuing to receive it.

Would you please change the name on the address on the *Morning Glory* as it was my wife's first husband who died of cancer many years ago but she never bothered to change the name and address. Thank you.

**A. C. E.** Webster, MN  
Thank you so much for your April Edition. We have many people who need to read it! I made 10 copies to share!

*(Editor: What a great idea OR request from (HLIF) copies to be prayerfully handed out, free of charge!)*

**M. S.** Ames, IA  
I couldn't get along without my *Morning Glory* magazine. Thank you so much.

With Care & Love.

## The Watchman Held Accountable

*"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; ... When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt Surely die; and thou givest him not warning ... The same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 3:17 -33.*

Our text comprises part of Ezekiel's commission as prophet to Judah. His function was compared to a watchman on the city walls whose duty was to warn the city impending danger. Ezekiel was to warn the apostate people of Jerusalem of the coming invasion by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar. God warned Ezekiel that if he refused to pass on whatever messages he received from God, he himself would be held accountable.

On the other hand, Ezekiel was not accountable of the response off the hearer. *"Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness...he shall die in his iniquity; but thou has delivered thy soul"* (19). He would also be requested to give similar injunctions and warnings to righteous men who had fallen into sin, but again he was not held accountable for their response (vv. 20-21).

A corresponding teaching is found in the New Testament. *"Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give an account"* (Hebrews 13:17). Church leaders, we are told, will give an account before the Lord someday as to how those in their flock have fared. They will not be accountable for the response of others, but are required to see to it that each person in their care clearly and lovingly understands the truth and the consequences of disobedience. This is a heavy responsibility!

Let each of us respond properly to the truth as presented by our church leaders, that they may minister with joy and not with grief. JDM

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*Editor's Note: For example: The same is found in Ezekiel 33. Two thoughts: In this text, when it is speaking of the 'wicked'; it is not just the *just* the outwardly gross sinner; **BUT all who outside of Christ!***

*Secondly: In Hebrews 13:17, it is speaking of in regards to leaders who are born again and seeking to *follow/obey* the Great Shepherd **OR otherwise** they are spiritually blind and will lead you into the ditch!*

# CAN GOD BLESS *Our Country Once Again?*

Dr. Shelton Smith

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;  
and the people whom he hath chosen for his own  
inheritance.”* Psalm 33:12

When schoolchildren are prohibited from singing a secular song that has the theme “God bless the USA” (June 9, 2012, [New York Post online](#)), a national brouhaha ensues which pits common-sense Americans against a crowd of God-rejecting, Christian-bashing zealots.

The issue came to national attention in 2008 when a sermon by Jeremiah Wright, a liberal clergyman, hit the national stage with his graphic, if not profane, denouncement of damnation upon America.

One man approached me recently declaring that the current administration is “the judgment of God.”

In one of my meetings a few months back, a very sincere man got right in my face after the service with his fever-pitch concerns. “It’s too late; it’s too late. America’s gone. You can’t get her back,” he opined.

Since there is an epic difference between having the blessing of God and not having it, and since much of His blessing does seem to be withheld, the question should be asked, I think, “Can God bless our country once again?”

## **Rejecting God and Flaunting His Moral Law Have Built-in-Consequences!**

When day is done, night comes! When summer wanes, you can count on autumn, which will be followed by winter. Percy B. Shelley, an English poet, said, “If winter comes, can spring be far behind?”

Some things are totally predictable because the eternal laws of God are fully operational. If you violate one of those laws, you can expect whatever consequences are inherent in that law.

Remember the law of sowing and reaping!

*“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”* - Gal. 6:7-8.

This great eternal truth operates every hour of the day, no matter who you are and without regard for whether or not you like it.

You plant (sow) cucumbers, and you will gather (reap) cucumbers. If you plant (sow) your entire garden plot in cucumbers, you will have no tomatoes, no squash and no potatoes! The reason is that you reap exactly what you sow!

*“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”* - James 1:15.

*“For the wages of sin is death.”* - Rom. 6:23.

So plod on; do your thing; ignore God - violate His laws; rant and rave about the narrow-minded, puritanical, “legalistic” Christians; do whatever you please to do. But don’t be surprised when harvest time comes – and it will come. You will reap exactly as you have sown. The consequences are built-in, and you can’t maneuver your way around them.

## **The Anger of God and His Ultimate Judgment Must Not Be Forgotten!**

*“God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.”* - Ps. 7:11.

*“But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness”* Ps: 9:7-8.

*“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”* - Heb. 9:27.

Let there be no mistake! The God of love is very capable of anger. His all-seeing eyes and His all-knowing being see all and know all. Nothing escapes His attention. He sees the little dead babies, 55 million of them so far, aborted from their mothers’ wombs and still in death.

He knows about every bottle of booze, the deadly beverages called whiskey, beer, wine, etc. Every profane word and every act of violence are logged in the records of Heaven.

If you imagine that somehow God is inattentive to all of this, you are deceived, and you are a fool.

The judgment of God is reality-based, with no fudging, no spinning the facts, no pretense - just the facts. We must know that the judgment of God is no fairy tale.

Ultimately Christians, truly born-again Christians, will appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ (11 Cor. 5:10) where we will be judged according to our works.

Ultimately unsaved folks will appear at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11) where they too will be judged “according to their works.”

Salvation settles the issue of your destination, but Christians will be at the Judgment Seat of Christ for rewards. The unsaved will be at the Great White Throne Judgment to determine the degree of their punishment.

But it is also possible that God may, in the framework of history, let the hammer of judgment fall. When He does, it will be obvious.

## **Why hasn’t God Harshly Judged America Already?**

There is only one reason why, I believe, that the Lord

God of Heaven has not judged the whole world, including the USA.

It is because of the “salt in Sodom” principle. Reread Genesis 18. Abraham pleaded with God, but when He could not find even ten righteous people in Sodom, God unleashed His fiery judgment and destroyed the city. God was angry over the wickedness of Sodom, but judgment came upon the city for the lack of a righteous presence.

Here in America, the presence of a salty remnant has stayed the hand of judgment for now. Remember that Jesus said,

*“Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, where with shall it be salted? It is thence forth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”* Matt. 5:13

So let’s not forget who we are (the blood-bought sons and daughters of God), and let’s not forget what we are (salt and light)! The only reason we still have a nation is because of that precious salt and light!

Others did in past generation that which we admire and laud loudly. They are gone now! Who will carry the burden today? Let’s you and I step up and do it in our generation. Amen!

### **Can God Bless the USA Once Again?**

Of course He can! Absolutely, positively, He can!

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”* - Ps. 33:12.

Some blessings comes to all of us on a regular basis.

*“He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”* - Matt. 5:45.

*“For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God.”* - Heb. 6:7.

But the full flood of Heaven’s blessings can come only when God’s conditions are met.

*“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”* - Ps. 1:1-3.

Truly the blessing of God is contingent upon

1. **Recognition of God!** Give Him place! Listen to what He says and follow it!

2. **Realization of our sinful state!** We are sinners, and we are weak. We cannot be who we should be,

and we cannot do what we should do without coming to grips with our own flawed, frail, human selves. If we stop posing as pompous, full-of-self, know-it-all, we thereby place ourselves in line for the blessing.

3. **Repentance!** It is a mind-set we must get. Change your mind and agree with God. Get your mind set right about

4. **Regeneration!** That’s salvation, the new birth! It’s neither religion nor reform! It is not a zealous resolve to shape up and do good. It is being born into the family of God.

5. **Righteousness!**

*“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”*

1 Pet. 2:9.

6. **Reconciliation!** You cannot stay at odds with God and expect His blessing to be flooded upon you.

*“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.”* 11 Cor. 5:18, 20.

7. **Revival!** *“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”* II Chron. 7:14.

Oh, my brothers and sisters in the Lord! This is the twenty-first century -2012. We await the rapture! We are listening for the shout and for the blast of the trumpet! When it will happen, we do not know; but until that day, we do know our duty. We understand the stewardship that has been entrusted to us. In this day, at this hour, by God’s grace, we must occupy till He comes (Luke 19:13).

### *We Must Not!*

We must not surrender to the enemy!

We must not become monastic and hide ourselves from view!

We must not be intimidated and fearful!

We must not be discouraged and disillusioned!

We must not be sidetracked by the myriad of clamoring voices!

We must not give up, back off or cave in!

We must not quit until the trumpet sounds!

### **But We Must!**

*Therefore, in pursuit of God’s anointing and His blessing upon us,*

We must be at our posts of duty early and late.

We must herald the truth of God’s Word fully and fer-



vently!

We must stand up in our hostile world to be counted for the Savior!

We must build strong local churches all across the nation!

We must train our people to walk with God, serve Him daily and to win souls.

We must delight ourselves in obedience and give ourselves in sacrifice wholeheartedly.

We must keep ourselves in position for the blessing to be poured out to us day by day by day.

Dr. Sheldon Smith is the 'Editor' of & taken from  
*'Sword of the Lord'*

*Editor's Note:* What a 'biblical' timely article: *because of the seriousness of the time & direction our beloved USA is going = I definitely felt led to have this article appear in this, the September issue of the Morning Glory! PRAY!!!*

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*"And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of thy substance that falleth to me.' And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance with riotous living." Luke 15:12 - 13.*

THE greater part of humanity has by degrees acquired the false faith that it is best to get as far away from God as possible. With great, proud words they boast of their freedom, and paint a bright future because they think that they are through with God. Human reason and culture are exalted as savior in place of Jesus Christ.

But while they are boasting about the paradise they are going to build on earth without God, they fear the disaster that they see drawing nearer every day. As the harlot wastes her own life and consumes the strength of man, so the godless life consumes soul-peace, morals, life-power, and a people's joy. Poverty and hunger reign there, death embraces the populace, there the way is opened to the "outer-darkness" where the worm never dies and the fire never is quenched.

Just think if our generation were on the way to God with the same speed with which they are now going away from Him! Then all frontiers would be without cannon; suspicion and hatred would drown in peace; and national prosperity, godliness, and good works would bloom in joyous competition. Not a single honest person can doubt that.

You, who were in the far country but have found the

way home again to God as your Father and Savior, you ought to thank and worship Him for this greatest joy of life.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Editor's Note: Just think!!! If 'we' who know JESUS as 'our' personal Savior pursued with the same discipline & determination as the 'athletes' did to participate in the 'Olympics': *how this 'world' would be changed to right side UP - by His GRACE!!!*

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**"To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend"** Job 6:14.

There are many afflicted and suffering people in our midst today. Many of them are neglected, and some are mistreated. But Christians are told to be kind to one another, to help those that are in need. We should endeavor to lift them up, to strengthen them, and help them to trust the Lord in a better way. Satan likes to get the Christian discouraged, for then he is useless, but God tells him that His grace is sufficient for the trial, for in our weakness His strength is made perfect.

A small boy had a boat which he took to a nearby lake to sail. Soon the boat went beyond his reach, and he called to a bigger boy to help him get it back. The older boy picked up a handful of stones and started throwing them at the boat. At first the small boy thought he was driving the boat farther away, but he soon saw that the waves moved the boat closer to shore, and he had his boat. He did not understand the kindness of the older boy. Just so, many Christians do not understand that God tests and tries us for our good. He is trying to draw us close to Him.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to be of service to those that are afflicted. Teach us how to be better friends to our fellow Christians. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*In the hour of trial, Jesus plead for me;  
Lest by base denial, I depart from Thee'  
When Thou see'st me waver, With a look recall;  
Nor for fear or favor, Suffer me to fall.*

Taken from the 'family' devotional book: 'Altar Steps' by Pastor R. P. Haakonson -which is available from the HLIF for a donation of five dollars, plus \$1.00 for postage.

***“Take root downward, and bear fruit upward.”*** (Isaiah 37:31)

Why is it that the mountain hemlocks can attain such stateliness in spite of fierce winter gales and crushing snows? If you look at one of them closely you will see that it has foliage almost as delicate as a fir, its dark needles being as dainty as fairy feathers. Yet if you try to break a twig or a bough you will learn that therein lies the strength and the tenacious power of the hemlock. It will bend and yield but it will not break. Winds may whip and toss it this way and that, but they cannot break it—nor can elements, however fierce, pull its roots out of the ground. For months it may have its graceful form held down by a mighty weight of snow, but when the warm breath of summer winds and the melting influence of summer’s sun relieve it of its burden it straightens up as proud and as noble as it was before.

Beautiful, wonderful hemlock of the mountains—what a less you bring to us! Though we may be storm-tossed and bent by the winds of sorrow, we need not be crushed and broken *if our souls are anchored to the Rock of Ages.*

*Lord, make me strong! Let my soul rooted be  
Afar from vales of rest,  
Flung close to heaven upon a great Rock’s breast,  
Unsheltered and alone, but strong in Thee.*

*What though the lashing tempests leave their scars?  
Has not the Rock been bruised?  
Mine, with the strength of ages deep infused,  
To face the storms, and triumph with the stars!*

*Lord, plant my spirit high upon the crest  
Of Thine eternal strength! (John 11:25.)*

Bishop Foster was one of the leading bishops of the Methodist Church in his day, and was a very godly man. After an earnest search for thirty years he found what is here related in the hope that it may be a help to some other hearts who sought light as he did.

“I have perused all of the books written on the immortality of the soul, bought them at great prices, studied them with great earnestness. I have spent thirty years at it, hoping some day I might be able to present the argument with more force and make its impression stronger upon the mind and heart of the world.

“But when death came to my home and struck down my darlings, when I went and looked into their graves, I saw nothing but utter darkness. With an anguish I cannot express I went out into the deep woods, and looked up into

the great vault above, and beat upon my breast and cried to my Father until my heart was crushed and broken. In speechless silence I lay with my face upon the earth to see if I could not hear them; but I found that it was dark and silent; not a ray, not a voice.

“I went and sat down by the philosophers, but now I found they gave me nothing but husks. I read their arguments which once had cheered me, but now they broke my heart. There was nothing in them, not even enough for me to found a conjecture upon. I was desolate with an utter desolation. I wrung my hands in an agony I cannot describe.

“Nor did I find relief until I heard a Voice coming through the gloom. Out of the darkness and silence, with heavenly music and sweetness in it, it said:

‘I am Jesus, the resurrection and the life; and thy dead shall live again.’

“And with that single idea that I could rest my hope and my faith upon, He has revealed that great doctrine; he has established the truth which ever eluded mankind till He came down out of heaven telling the story of the Fatherhood of God and the immortality of His own spiritual children.”

*I know not how that Bethlehem’s Babe  
Could in the God-head be:  
I only know the Manger Child  
Has brought God’s life to me.*

*I know not how that Calvary’s Cross  
A world from sin could free:  
I only know its matchless love  
Has brought God’s love to me.*

*I know not how that Joseph’s tomb  
Could solve death’s mystery:  
I only know a living Christ,  
Our immortality.*

—Major Harry W. Farrington.  
Taken from Springs in the Valley, Copyright  
By Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

*LIFE without JESUS is  
like an unsharpened pencil:  
It has no point!*

## Three Types Of Spirituality

*Continued from the August issue of Morning Glory*

But the disciples of John – what is their view of life and themselves?

Their deep desire is to be saved. But despite this sincere desire, it seems so hopeless for them to be saved. They have gone to John by the river to be baptized into a new life; but they have not found this life. They set very high standards for themselves, especially spiritual standards for their inward life. For them the whitened sepulcher has been opened, and they see an unsaved and sinful life.

This is the difference between a Pharisee and a disciple of John. The Pharisee passes lightly over his sins in thoughts, desires, and emotions. John opens the door to this side of our life, and his disciples demand of themselves clean hearts. But the person who makes such stringent demands upon himself will never be satisfied with himself. Quite on the contrary, he enters into a hopeless battle with himself. The more earnest and serious he is, the more dark and hopeless his outlook becomes.

This is the old battle that is renewed in every generation. Every one who has been awakened to the demands of God's law must enter into this battle. All of us who have gone through this process remember so well the many defeats we suffered and the disappointments that were ours until we saw the Lamb of God.

*That I must suffer, fight, and do battle,  
All this I knew to clearly must be;  
But my attempts to better my life,  
Ended in death and dark misery.*

A disciple of John understands these words so well. It is no easy task to go on living when that which we want most of all in life becomes ever more difficult to obtain. Then it is easy to think that it is of no use to continue; the door is closed, the heart is hardened, and God has withdrawn from us.

*Shall no comfort be mine ever?  
Is there none to rescue me?  
Shall my tears avail me never?  
Is my prayer mere quackery?  
If no helper aid me render,  
To the waves I me surrender;  
I shall sink in sorrow's sea.*

Only so far can John bring his people – to the portals of God's Kingdom. He leaves us there to battle, to pray, to

weep, to long for peace with God. He gives neither peace with God nor peace in the world.

There are many people about us who suffer and struggle along in this manner. They are secluded within themselves, having a stern God and a closed heaven; they toil through life with heavy hearts.

God grant that you who struggle thus may soon see Jesus, the Lamb of God that took our sins upon Himself.

What is it that makes a disciple of Jesus more blessed than other people? Has he found something that gives joy and peace?

That to which a Pharisee hopes to attain after he is dead, and that which the followers of John see they need here – that a disciple of Jesus has attained in Christ. Here lies the difference.

In Christ we have peace with God and have been delivered from guilt, judgment, and accusing conscience. All that which the disciples of John seek after; the followers of Jesus has attained in Christ. Our holy God, who is accountable to no one, has in Christ opened both His heart and heaven for a (Ed. **Lost**) sinner.

God gives grace to the humble, not because they are better than other people, but because they believe in the Savior. He gives Himself with all that He is and has to all who believe in Him. The benefits that accrue from His death become the possession of those who are His. This is the great boon of all God's people.

*Then it was revealed to me that I His child might be,  
For God in Christ became my loving Father.  
And I who mourned for sin this wonder failed to see,  
That God has spared me from the judgment's terror.  
I, who labored long and sought relief in many ways,  
But found no peace, for I was lost in error's maze,  
I am through Christ already saved forever.*

This is not a new patch on an old garment, or new wine in old wine-sacks. It is a new life in God's new Kingdom. It is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. It is a sinner who has been saved by the intervention of a sinless person. The sinner has been liberated in Christ; the Christian is the heir of God and the bride of Christ.

*The fairest on earth is He of all,  
An image of God here below'  
And still a brother He deigns me call,  
Though a sinner I am, I know.*

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?” (Rom. 8:32).

Disciples of John, you who unsuccessfully struggle

and strive to become Christians! Listen: Cease from everything that is your own. Turn your eyes away from your hideous and sinful heart. Look at Him who was made sin for us. He it is who trod the winepress alone and fought your battles for you.

*See! This, fainting soul, is what you may believe!  
Then doubt it no more, but be sure.  
This alone is the balm that can sinners relieve,  
This alone can healing insure.  
Though sinful and poor and of misery full,  
Though lifeless and cold you appear, and so dull,  
Believe God's grace!*

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## God's Call and Enabling

Exodus 3:7-12

The theme of the book of Exodus is *redemption*. The Lord used Moses as a human instrument to deliver the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Although Moses felt quite inadequate as God's spokesman and as the leader of the children of Israel (v. 11), the Lord assured him that He would be with him every step of the way. It is important to realize that the Lord calls every believer to serve Him in some capacity, and while we certainly will not all possess leadership roles that that of Moses, the part we do play in God's plan is vitally important (I Cor. 12:12-31).

Notice that although Moses was the one whom God used to confront Pharaoh and to lead the people out of Egypt, it was the Lord who actually did the delivering: "I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land" (v. 8). The apostle Paul explained to the New Testament believers that "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). Sometimes we may react to God's call like Moses: "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?"(v.11). Moses was, in effect saying, "Not me, Lord. I'm not able to accomplish this task. Call someone else. "However, we must always remember that with God's calling also comes His divine enabling. God promised to be present with Moses (v. 12), just as He promises to be with us (Heb. 13:5). Fellow servants of Christ, let us press on in our service for our Lord, realizing that He that has called us is eternally faithful. Our omnipotent God will accomplish His will through us, so let us trust Him. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:24). DLF

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**"And they bring unto Him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech Him to lay His hand upon him. And He took him aside from the multitude privately, and put His fingers into his ears, and He spat, and touched his tongue."**

Mark 7:32-33.

MANY, who never saw the Lord's way and did not hear His voice, have received both hearing and sight when they were taken aside from the multitude privately. In life's mad chase they saw nothing but food, money, finery, and fun. But then there came to some of them a new time, dark and hard to bear. Riches took wings, and poverty moved in and cleared away friends and glad parties together with well-being and worldliness. Sickness came and laid these frivolous and light-hearted people on the edge of the grave. Death came and took the best that life had given. You who were so great and seemed highly loved, you are now bedfast, without friends, and apart from the multitude.

But there you met your Savior. Very slowly and gradually you received ears to hear with and eyes to see with. Now you see your sin, you hear the Word about salvation for sinners, and you praise Him who took you away from the multitude.

You who have just been taken aside and who are wondering why this should happen to you, listen! Let Him who in grace brought you to where you are now, touch also you. Then you will find a better Friend and greater riches than you lost. And when He also takes His own aside, He does so in order that we may see our right fatherland better, and hear the melodies of the heavenly choir more clearly.

Hence with earthly treasure!  
Thou art all my pleasure,  
Jesus, all my choice;  
Hence, thou empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story,  
Told with tempting voice;  
Pain or lass, or same, or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me,  
Since He deigns to love me.

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# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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**Heating Up!** The crisis' in the Middle East (particularly between Iran & Israel/USA become *more critical* all the time!

**Could it be?** That Israel and USA is scheduled to have an exercise/practice war game the latter part of October, 2012 in hopes to encourage the re-election of President Obama on November 8<sup>th</sup>? (And it could turn into more than a practice of a 'war game'). A question, not a statement!

## Unborn Babies Count in the White House

One pro-lifer finds it interesting that pregnant mothers must register their preborn babies before taking a tour of the White House, considering the fact that the current occupant of the White House is pro-abortion.

A recent e-mail newsletter distributed by Ellie Schafer, director of the White House Visitors Office, provides specifics about information required for an unborn baby visitor, including the child's gender. "Crazy as it may sound, you MUST include the baby in the overall count of guests in the tour," Schafer writes.

...Douglas Johnson of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) does not understand this security measure.

"We think that it's ironic that President Obama's staff recognizes the existence of unborn babies for purposes of providing security within the White House, and yet there's no indication that President Obama has any problem, for example, with the fact that throughout the District of Columbia, abortion is now legal for any reason up to the moment of birth," he notes.

OneNewsNow.com

## Facebook Attracts Sexual Predators

An organization fighting against indecency says something needs to be done about the growing problem of pornography on Face-book.

The crisis surrounding Facebook shockingly involves the sexual abuse of children. And investigative report published on the website WND reveals how the social site has become a playground for child predators. The article outlines profile after profile that feature sexually graphic photos of children.

Dawn Hawkins is executive director for Morality in Media, which has established its own website and Facebook page called "Porn Harms." She tells

OneNewsNow that via those avenues, he organization has witnessed the problem first-hand...

According to Hawkins, Facebook is very slow in responding, "Because...days after we've reported them, we've seen that the pages are still up," she notes.

... "We know that predators are right there on Facebook looking for vulnerable women and children to manipulate."

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## UpDate on the Middle East!

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently said, "Iran wants to destroy Israel and it is developing nuclear weapons to fulfill that goal." Israel is now preparing itself for what many believe is inevitable – a nuclear strike by Iran if not preempted by the Israeli military.

This is an incredibly strategic time for the nation of Israel and its leaders – a time which will have eternal significance for the Jewish people and the people of every nation in the world...

Israel is once again at the epicenter of international tension. While Iran's leadership recently consented to allow International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspections of their nuclear sites, many world leaders are skeptical about the sincerity of their agreement, citing Iran's past elusiveness...

It's no secret that Mahmoud Ahumadinejad, president of Iran, is desperate to achieve nuclear weapons status and will stop at nothing to get it. His stated first order of business as a nuclear power: Destroy the big and little "Satans," the United States and Israel.

...Iranian and Islamic leaders have frequently called for Israel's destruction, and Iran openly supports several militant anti-Israel organizations.

Matthew Staver, Liberty Counsel

## Murdering 1,000 Christians Is Not Terrorism Says U. S.

In the past three years, over 1,000 Christians in Nigeria have been brutally murdered by an extremist Islamic group known as Boko Haram and the United States has refused to classify the group as being a terrorist organization...

Godfather Politics

## North Carolina Voters Approve Marriage Amendment

Voters in North Carolina overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment that bans gay marriage in the Tar Heel state. Even President Obama and former President Bill Clinton's opposition to the measure could not convince enough people to vote against the amendment.

With most all of the precincts reporting, unofficial results showed the amendment passing with approximately 61 percent of voters favoring the amendment...

"Now the people have spoken," said Ron Baity, pastor of Berean Baptist Church in south Winston-Salem. He worked for years to get the amendment on the state ballot but wasn't successful until after Republicans won a majority in the General Assembly in 2010.

...Supporters of traditional marriage have won 32 of the last 32 votes on the issue of civil unions – an astounding 100 percent record.

Only six states and the District of Columbia allow same-sex marriage.

ChristianPost.com

## Islamic Group Forbids Tomatoes “Because They Are Christian”?

A Salafist group from Egypt appears to be trying to retract a post on Facebook that warned that eating tomatoes is “forbidden because they are Christian.”

However, the Muslim traditionalist group, calling themselves the Popular Egyptian Islamic Association, apparently still finds tomatoes offensive if they are cut in such a way that reveals the shape of a cross, according to the Now Lebanon website...

There are an estimated 5 – 6 million Salafis in Egypt. The Salafis are generally considered to be more traditional than other Muslim sects. Last year, a group of hard line Muslims, including Salafis, were responsible for the burning of several Christian churches and businesses in Egypt that later resulted in hundreds of deaths during demonstrations against the destruction.

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## The Church and State Controversy

### *Center Stage in Today's Cultural War Zone*

By Dr. Sheldon Smith

Issues of religious liberty are front-page news every day in 2012. After 223 years of the greatest republic in history, American Christians are increasingly being faced re-

strictive regulation and oppressive laws at the hands of their own government.

When we hear reports of tyrannical repressive actions by governments, we expect it to be in Cuba, China, Iran or North Korea. Never do we expect the reports to be coming from Washington, D. C. the state capital or city hall!

But that has truly become the case over the past half-century, and especially during the last two decades.

### *Get Familiar With Your Rights as a U. S. Citizen*

James Madison, who would later become the fourth president of the United States, was the principal architect of the now famous Bill of rights that were the first ten amendments to the U. S. Constitution. Madison had a friend, a preacher named John Leland, who convinced him to address the issue of religious liberty in the First Amendment.

There is a historical marker in northern Virginia near the town of Orange at the intersection of Highway 20 and County Route 628 which acknowledges the place where the two men met. It was at this spot that they came to an agreement which got the Baptist on board and assured that Virginia would ratify the Constitution.

The first ten amendments were then ratified on December 15, 1791. The First Amendment is the one that guarantees us constitutional protections that we now are faced with defending. It says, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

### *Liberals Purposefully Distort the First Amendment!*

The liberals in this country interpret the First Amendment with their chant and cry of “separation of church and state.” What they want is for Christians to have no place, no voice and no visibility in the government. They are distorting the First Amendment with their wicked agenda of erasing every vestige of faith from the public arena.

They falsely claim that our Founding Fathers meant it to be that way. They are lying through their teeth, however, and the know it. What proof do I have for such an accusatory charge? Just walk through Washington, D.C., and look at what they etched in marble. When you do, there can be no doubt that the founders of this great nation had no intention that coincides with today's liberal agenda.

### *The First Amendment Means Exactly What It Says!*

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” So there you have it! It is plain, unvarnished and easy to understand.

This precious historic document was not designed to silence, censor and restrict churches or people of faith. The restrictions it imposes are upon the government, not upon the churches.

If I'm going to pray an invocation at the city council meeting or at the presidential inauguration, I should not be required by the government to check my religious views at the door. Consequently, there should be no government mandates for "nonsectarian" prayers.

When military chaplains stand to preach, they should have the freedom to preach their convictions. For example, if they believe homosexuality is a sin and same-sex marriage is wrong, they should be able to say so without facing discipline by their military superiors.

Why should faith-based hospitals (Catholic, Baptist, as well as others) be forced to violate their consciences and their convictions in reference to abortion, birth control or whatever? If it is a private faith-based hospital, why should they be compelled to function by the government's humanistic, atheistic value system?

But all of these things and many more like them are happening every day in America in 2012.

*The Culture War Is Now Center Stage*

The liberals have come out of the closet. Over the past five decades, they have entrenched themselves in the courts, the schools, the churches and in the Congress. They have periodically elected one of their own as president.

Believing that they are in position to do so, they are unleashing their full energies against our American heritage of freedom and against people of faith (with some exceptions). They have their pets to whom they give privilege, such as the liberal "Christian" religionists and Islam.

Christian people all across the nation are starting to realize what has been done to them and re coming to see what is in the works for them.

Hopefully, (*Editor: Prayerfully*) there will be enough people who wake up and rise up to recapture what has been lost.

### ***There Is a Way Back!***

**"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."** Ps. 33:12.

When we cry aloud (*Editor: Isaiah 59:1-2*) to make the case for revival, soul winning, the Spirit-filled (controlled) life and building strong churches, we are standing on holy ground. You can't expect to see our nation remain a free nation unless we reclaim the value system upon which it was founded.

So, please, dear servants of God, let's not forget our cause and our calling. Remember what's always been important is ultra-important today!

1. ***Pray about everything!***
2. ***Walk with God each day!***
3. ***Hold high the Blessed Book the Bible, God's Holy Word!***
4. ***Start winning folks to the Saviour!*** ...(Ed. Matthew 4:19).
5. ***Stand up to be counted!***
6. ***Vote!***

Taken from 'Sword of the Lord'

*Editor's Note: Prayerfully* help us get the *Morning Glory* out to your family, your friends, your church and others you know. No doubt, a lot of folks, have no monthly periodical that is a 'Trumpet Sound'! The *Morning Glory* can be helpful in this great cause. There is something each one of you can do first, Pray! ***Psalm 71:1-3.*** "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" Proverbs 14:34. May we 'appreciate' our blessings; before 'we' loose them!

## **Update**

### **Isn't it Wonderful?**

*"Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly. Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said; 'Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.'"*

1 Chronicles 29:9-10

WHY IS IT? **So difficult to trust the LORD** when it comes to financial affairs? NOW I realize for the unsaved (as a whole; unless awakened by the Holy Spirit) that **eternity** is vague and insignificant; BUT for a child of God who has *experienced* the greatest of 'miracles' to obey with 'our' financial affairs brings joy? You know when the **Creator-Preserver** put the earth in rotation and the sky in space; and when HE saved my Soul – it took a *miracle of love & Grace*; we hesitate to *freely* open our billfold/purse/checkbook to the eternal Economist?

Similarly that is why Jesus in His incarnation while here on 'earth' (recorded in the Holy writ) spoke more about stewardship and giving than any other specific given subject. Our human life is an 'open book' before the All-knowing one! HE says: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21. Do 'we' think we can out give God, who through the Psalmist states that the cattle upon a thousand hills are His? Remember God has a bigger shovel that you have: you shovel out and HE will shovel in – **Luke 6:38.**

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Pastor Paul Larson, Host Pastor

*Theme: NEGLECTED TRUTHS*

Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. – Guest Speaker: Pastor Jim Haga, Shoreview, MN – (*The Fear of the Lord*) Refreshments following evening Service

**Saturday** (Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Prayer Time at 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

9:30 - 10 a.m. Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 a.m.- 10:55 a.m. Rodney Stueland, *Editor (Infant Baptism)*

11:05 - 12 p.m. Pastor Roy Johnson, Big Fork, MN

Noon Meal Served at Church

1:15 - 2:10 p.m. Pastor Jim Haga (*Separation from the World*)

2:20 - 3:15 p.m. Rodney Stueland, (*Tactful*)

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Coffee/Refreshments

3:45 p.m. - Testimonies, Fellowship, Hymn/Gospel Singspiration

4:30 p.m. Hauge Board Meeting (*Tentative*)

7:00 p.m. Evening Service - Pastor Jim Haga (*Judgment Day*)

**Sunday**, (Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>)

9:30 a.m. Worship Service - Pastor Jim Haga, Speaker (*The Cross*)

App. 10:45 a.m. (Adult Bible Class & Upper Teens - *Session-Tentative*) - Pastor Jim Haga

Traveling Mercies/blessings as you return home & ON; as you are **salt & light** in this sin darkened/blinded world

**Please PRAY much for ‘conference’ and looking forward in seeing & fellowshiping with YOU, Lord willing!**

**WELCOME!**

P. S. *IF* Convenient: Please bring along ‘goodies’ for ‘refreshment/ times. THANK YOU.

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It is a privilege that God in His Grace invites and challenges ‘us’ to have a part in His Kingdom Work. He could have chosen ‘angels’ to proclaim the **Gospel**; but in HIS infinite love He chose *forgiven sinners, who are washed in the Blood of the crucified and risen One* to be His vessel!

**Wouldn’t it be marvelous if the store house was FULL for the Ministry of the Morning Glory/HLIF?**  
Oh I know the LORD loves to hear ‘us’ cry/plead unto Him; as well unto HIM thanks/praise & honor for time & eternity – for ALL good and perfect gifts are given by HIM! **NOTICE IN OUR TEXT THEY “OFFERED WILLING TO THE LORD”.**

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